(b) whether it is a fact that a bridge named 'Setubandh' constructed by 'Nal' and "Neel" came across during return journey to Ayodhya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The supplementary text book for class VI published by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in June, 2006 gives the story of Lord Rama based on the 'Valmiki Ramayan', wherein, it has been mentioned that a bridge was constructed by 'Nal' in five days and also that the bridge was named 'Setubandh' built by 'Nal' and Neel'.

Depiction of Lord Shri Ram's family in a poor light

†202. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that picture of Lord Shri Ram's family in the supplementary text book of Hindi recommended by National Council of Educational Research and Training and prescribed for class VI in Kendriya Vidyalayas have been depicted in a crude manner;

(b) if so, whether orders have been issued to remove those pictures; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The picture of Lord Shri Ram's family given in the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) supplementary textbook of Hindi for class VI has been depicted in the traditional "Pat Chitra" style of West Bengal. These illustrations provide opportunity to learners to understand and appreciate the various dimensions of the contexts in the text, and also familiarise the students to Indian traditional styles of painting.

Establishment of new IITs

204. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up twenty new IITs, if so, the details thereof location-wise;

(b) what would be the strength of new IITs;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has taken a view over the proposal;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(e) how Government propose to generate resources; and

(f) the parameters of public private partnership proposed in such IITs?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi